COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE MOTION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF

KENTUCKY, INC., FOR AN ORDER

REQUIRING THE COMMISSION TO

EXTEND THE SURCHARGE ADDED TO

THE RATES AND CHARGES OF

PHELPS GAS COMPANY

CASE NO. 9225

ORDER

On February 14, 1985, the Commission issued an Order in this case granting an extension of the surcharge of Phelps Gas Company ("Phelps") as requested by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., ("Columbia"). By letter dated April 22, 1985, Phelps informed the Commission that it had not placed the surcharge into effect as required and sought permission to employ an alternate payment plan that would not require a surcharge.

On June 7, 1985, the Commission issued an Order in this case removing Phelps' surcharge from customers' bills until September 30, 1985. The Order required the filing of copies of invoices from and payments to Columbia and set a hearing for September 5, 1985, to review Phelps' payment efforts.

On October 1, 1985, the Commission issued an Order in this case removing Phelps' surcharge from customers' bills until November 30, 1985.

After reviewing the record in this case and being advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the surcharge should be suspended until the Commission completes an investigation of Phelps' payment status.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Phelps' previously authorized surcharge shall be removed from customers' bills until the Commission completes its investigation of Phelps' payment status.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Columbia shall file an original and 8 copies of the following information with this Commission, with a copy to all parties of record, by December 9, 1985.

- 1. Provide a statement of Phelps' surcharge payment history, showing payments and arrearage balances through November 1985.
- 2. Has Phelps' debt subject to the surcharge been eliminated? If not, what remains to be paid?
- 3. Provide a statement showing monthly for 36 months ended November 1985:
 - a. Amounts billed to Phelps, including current charges, delayed payment charges, previous balance, PGA refunds, any other charges or credits and total due.
 - b. All payments received from Phelps.
- 4. Is Phelps' account with Columbia current? If not, have arrangements been made to eliminate the arrearage?

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 2nd day of December, 1985.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Sheen Mullimin

Commissioner

ATTEST:	

Secretary